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**PRIVATE MEMBERS' STATEMENT**

**Halal Snack Pack; Bowel Cancer**

 **Mr MARTIN** (Stretton—ALP) (2.45 pm): I rise today to recognise a legendary dish topped with the holy trinity of garlic sauce, barbecue sauce and chilli sauce that makes up the glorious halal snack pack, or HSP. The halal snack pack is a delicious creation from our Muslim community that has become an iconic late-night feed all around Australia. For those who do not know what a HSP is, it is a layer of chips covered in a generous layer of kebab meat covered in a layer of cheese and then covered in your choice of three sauces. The former member for Stretton, our good friend Duncan Pegg, loved the HSP. Recently members of the Stretton community gathered together at the Islamic College of Brisbane to celebrate Duncan's memory by building Queensland's largest ever halal snack pack and also to raise money for Bowel Cancer Australia.

Thanks to the culinary expertise of Murat Coskun and the hardworking team at Sunshine Kebabs, we broke the previous Queensland record set in 2017. I am pleased to advise the House that we set a brand new record of 25 metres; that is 25 magnificent metres of chips, meat and sauce. If honourable members are ever in my part of town and looking for a feed Sunshine Kebabs will certainly deliver. It is just one of the many delicious food options in our multicultural community. Our shared love of food is often what brings us together. It was fantastic to see so many community members in attendance from all different backgrounds joining me and Peter Russo, the member for Toohey, enjoying the gigantic HSP and reminiscing on our fond memories of our late friend.

The proceeds from the HSP event were donated to Bowel Cancer Australia to help fund vital cancer research and treatment for patients. We raised over \$5,500 on the night. I also want to recognise the generous donation from the Pegg family. Duncan's brothers Graham Jr and Grant Pegg were in attendance. They presented a cheque to Bowel Cancer Australia nurses Nikki and Sally, who joined us on the night. It was great to recognise their hard work.

I point out to members that bowel cancer is the second deadliest cancer in Australia and we have one of the highest rates in the world. One in 15 Australians will develop the disease in their lifetime. The risk rises sharply once you hit 50 but, concerningly, cases of people under 50 have been rising. Almost 99 per cent of bowel cancer cases can be treated successfully when detected early. That is why it is important to know the symptoms and have them investigated if they persist. Thanks also to Ali Kadri and the team for hosting us at the Islamic College of Brisbane and for helping out on the night.